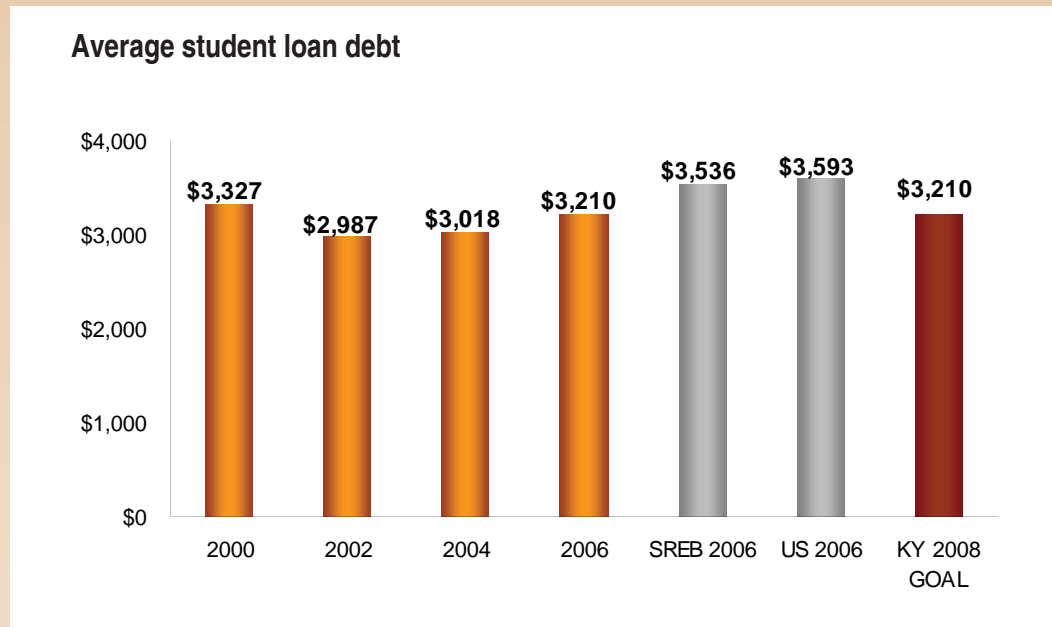


Average student loan debt

Current: \$3,210

Goal: \$3,210



Source: *Measuring Up 2006: The State Report Card on Higher Education*

Rationale for goal

In the face of rising college costs, Kentucky will strive to hold the line on student loan debt by focusing on work study and need-based financial aid.

About this measure

This indicator, developed by *Measuring Up*, monitors the average amount undergraduate students borrow each year from federal loan programs, which comprise more than 90% of all student loan funds. Rising debt is a sign that college is becoming less affordable for many families, one that, if left unchecked, could threaten the financial well-being of future generations of Kentuckians.